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SUBJECT: AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT'S VISIT

1. SUMMARY. AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT RUDOLF KIRCHSCHLAEGER'S MAY 20-24 VISIT TO POLAND PROBABLY GAVE A FILLIP TO BILATERAL ATMOSPHERICS, BUT THE AUSTRIAN DCM HAS TOLD US IT PRODUCED NOTHING NEW ON THE SUBSTANTIVE SIDE. THE FRG MAY BE DISCOMFITTED BY THE COMMUNIQUE'S STATEMENT ON FRG-POLISH RELATIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. KIRCHSCHLAEGER LED A LARGE DELEGATION INCLUDING FOREIGN MINISTER ERICH BIELKA-KARLTREU. HE CONFERRED WITH COUNCIL OF STATE CHAIRMAN JABLONSKI AND WITH FIRST SECRETARY GIEREK, AND
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THE TWO FOREIGN MINISTERS ALSO CONDUCTED SEPARATE TALKS. PRESS

ACCOUNTS STRESSED THE FRUITFUL PROSPECTS FOR BILATERAL COOPERATION, ESPECIALLY IN ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL AREAS. HOWEVER, THE ONLY SPECIFIC RESULTS WERE THE SIGNING OF PROTOCOLS OF RATIFICATION OF AGREEMENTS PREVIOUSLY REACHED -- A CONSULAR CONVENTION AND AN AGREEMENT ELIMINATING DOUBLE TAXATION -- AND THE SIGNING OF AN AGREEMENT ON MEDICAL COOPERATION. THE TWO SIDES ALSO APPROVED AN ARRANGEMENT FOR THE LONG-TERM SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY TO AUSTRIA, BUT ACCORDING TO THE AUSTRIAN DCM, ALL OF THESE PACTS HAD BEEN PREPARED LONG IN ADVANCE AND NOTHING NEW OF SUBSTANCE RESULTED ON THE BILATERAL SIDE.

3. THE COMMUNIQUE, PUBLISHED MAY 26 IN TRYBUNA LUDU, CONTAINS SOME NOVEL NUANCES ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES. WE ASSUME ADDRESSEES WILL HAVE THE TEXT VIA FBIS. ON THE MIDDLE EAST, IT BACKS AWAY FROM A SPECIFIC CALL FOR RESUMPTION OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE AND MERELY STRESSES THAT A PEACE CONFERENCE HAS AN IMPORTANT ROLE TO FILL IN THE CONCRETE EXAMINATION AND RESOLUTION OF ALL ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM. ADDITIONALLY, A PASSAGE ABOUT UNEF OBLIQUELY CALLS ON ALL PARTIES INVOLVED IN THE MIDDLE EAST TO RESPECT FULLY THE STATUS OF UN FORCES THERE.

4. A PASSAGE ABOUT FRG RELATIONS WITH THE EASTERN COUNTRIES DECLARES THAT BOTH SIDES EMPHASIZED THE REGULATION OF PROBLEMS STILL REMAINING FROM THE PAST HAS THE HIGHEST IMPORTANCE" FOR POLAND. AN FRG EMBASSY OFFICER OBSERVED TO US THAT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME SUCH A FORMULATION HAS MADE ITS WAY INTO AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT HERE, ALTHOUGH FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER SAUVAGNARGUES AND BELGIAN PREMIER TINDEMANS MADE SIMILAR STATEMENTS TO THE PRESS DURING THEIR RECENT VISITS TO POLAND. THE FRG OFFICER SAID HE DID NOT KNOW HOW BONN WOULD REACT TO THIS DEVELOPMENT, BUT HE REMARKED THAT "IT HURTS TO BE OUTFLANKED" LIKE THIS.

5. COMMENT ON THE SUBJECT OF RESPECT FOR THE STATUS OF UNEF, AN ARTICLE IN THE APRIL ISSUE OF THE POLISH INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS MONTHLY SPRAWY MIEDZYNARODOWE CHARGES THAT ISRAEL IS HAMPERING UNEF OPERATIONS BY NOT ALLOWING FREE MOVEMENT OF CONTINGENTS FROM COUNTRIES NOT HAVING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH IT. THE REFERENCE TO FRG-POLISH RELATIONS PROBABLY REPRESENTS LESS THAN WHAT THE GOP HAD SOUGHT, BUT THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AUSTRIAN SIDE'S ACCEPTANCE OF EVEN THIS RESTRAINED LANGUAGE MAY NOT SIT WELL IN BONN.

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